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PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Dear Sir:

On August 25, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office sent a Notice of Abandonment with respect to the above-identified application. The stated reason for abandonment was Applicant's failure to timely respond to an Office Action mailed on January 15, 2004. The Notice of Abandonment is improper because the Office Action dated

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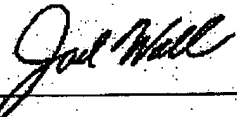
January 15, 2004 was never received by attorneys for applicant. Facts supporting the statement are as follows:

1. Applicant filed a Status Inquiry and Revocation of Prior Powers, Appointment of New Power of Attorney and Change of Addressee of Record on February 26, 2003.
2. On April 9, 2003, applicant received correspondence from the U.S. Patent Office responding to the Status Inquiry stating that the application will be first examined in 1 - 4 months.
3. Applicant received an Office Action dated July 24, 2003 and forwarded a response to same on October 16, 2003.
4. Applicant received a copy of the Notice of Abandonment dated August 25, 2004 from the law firm of Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP of Washington, DC. This law firm received the Notice of Abandonment in error and forwarded it to applicant.
5. Applicant never received the Office Action of January 15, 2004

Since the indicated papers were not received, the Notice of Abandonment is improper. Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn, and that the application be return to an allowed status and the missing papers be resent. No fee is believed to be due with the filing of this Petition; however if any such fee is due, it may be withdrawn from Deposit Account No. 07-2347 under Docket No. 00-VE12.18.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 14, 2004



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